

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☐ WAIVER REQUEST
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☒ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST
☐ UNTIMELY

DATE: 10/30/2020

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Ashley Wimberley, Director
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FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Gerrin John Narcisse
Address: 27223 Heltemes Ln., Lacombe, LA 70445-4647
Office/Position: Lacombe Recreation District #4
Dates of Service: 2014, 2017-2019
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 6

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018
Report ID: PFD20007757
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
NOD Received: 1/17/2020 -Signed by: Gerrin Narcisse
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD:1/29/2020
PFD/Answer Filed: 6/26/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$650
Days late from receipt of NOD: 149
Total days late from initial due date: 408
Late Fee Order Received: 7/6/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 7/27/2020
Waiver Request Received: 5/18/2020
Board Result: 10/2/2020
Reconsideration Request Due Date: 11/9/2020
Reconsideration Request Received: 10/16/2020

COMMENTS: Gerrin Narcisse thanks the Ethics Board for suspending \$1050 of his fine, but ask for a Reconsideration to waive the suspended portion. Mr. Narcisse said he's dedicated his life to serving others. He's serving his 2nd term as Commissioner and serves on many other volunteer boards in the Lacombe area. He has never missed filing, in fact, he's usually the first on his board to file a complaint PFD. He initially gave his PFD to Lacombe Recreation Director, Jordan Johnson. Johnson only filed Mr. Narcisse's PFD with all the other paperwork for Legislative Auditors, instead of submitting it to the BOE. At the same time, Narcisse was running for Council member. It was a "grassroots effort with a little funding for political staff" and report requirement got mixed up. When he received the NOD, he disregarded it because he had already filed the CF Reports and his Annual PFD. His daughter was born 2 weeks after the October Election, causing a shift in his lifestyle and focus. As a teacher, he wakes up every day striving to make his student and community better. Due to the lack of "big money" campaign funding, he's already paid a \$520 fine, because he did not know he needed to complete a run off report. He's a teacher with 2 children, and in the uncertain times of COVID-19, he simply cannot afford a \$650 fine. He has been compliant each year and quickly rectify the situation. He humbly asks the Ethics Board to reconsider waiving his suspended portion. Lacombe Recreation Director, submitted a letter on Narcisse's behalf. Jordan Johnson stated the late fee was assessed because of his filing error. Johnson, said he was under the impression PFD's only needed to be kept on file for the Legislative Auditors; not sent to the BOE.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Election 2015-\$400 Rescinded & 2019 Election \$520 Paid

October 16, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the reduction of the fine from \$1500 to \$650. I am very appreciative. However, I humbly ask that you see fit to reconsider and potentially waive the \$650 fee as well. I am thirty-two years old and my entire life is service to others. I am in my second term as a commissioner on the Lacombe Recreation Board and I serve on many other civic, volunteer boards around the community of Lacombe. I teach with the expressed interest of making my students better, day in and day out.

In previous years, I have never missed paperwork concerning the Recreation District and my obligations there. I am usually one of the first ones to be in compliance. There were a number of factors which lead to my inadvertent filing of the paperwork and the subsequent fines. Firstly, I gave the paperwork to the Director of the Recreational facility and it was filed with all the other documents we need to keep on file for the LLA audits. It was not submitted electronically. Secondly, at the same time I served on the Recreation Board, I was running for office. It was a grassroots effort with little funding for a political staff. Therefore, the paperwork requirements became mixed up. When the letter came stating that I may be delinquent on the paperwork, I disregarded because I had already done a report for the campaign and I had one sitting on file in the recreation facility. Finally, to add to the fog of everything, my daughter was born two weeks after the election in October causing a major shift in lifestyle and lack of focus.

I am a teacher who wakes up every day to make the world a better place. I volunteer and strive to better my community. Due to lack of a big money campaign, I have already paid a \$520 fine this year because of a Run-Off report that I did not know I had to complete because there was no run-off. I simply cannot afford another \$650 fine as a teacher with two kids in this time of uncertainty. I have been in compliance in every way, and when I was not I quickly rectified the situation to the best of my ability. I humbly ask for your reconsideration. Thank you and God bless.



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Letter For Reconsideration

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jordan Johnson and I am the current Executive Director of Lacombe Recreation District #4 in Lacombe, Louisiana. I am writing you this letter on behalf of Gerrin Narcisse. It has been brought to my attention that he must pay a fine in accordance to a policy in place for not submitting his paperwork for serving as a commissioner. We have been working diligently to be compliant in every area for our center. I was under the impression we just needed it in his file if and when we are ever asked for it and not aware it had to be uploaded. Mr. Narcisse works diligently to help the district advance interally and externally and not turning in the paperwork is not the behavior he would exhibit. We had all of his documentation readily available when we were contacted for it, so hopefully that shows that he had his paperwork in ahead of the scheduled time and it was in our office filed away appropriately.

Mr. Narcisse has been an educator for the last 10 years in our parish, serves on 5 other boards in our community, in addition to coaching his son's basketball and teeball while in school to receive his master's degree. He is heavily engaged in our community and dedicated to advancing the quality of life in all aspects. Recently, he began reaching out to other community members to volunteer their time to oversee the upkeep of the grass at a local cemetary. I hope all of those examples are enough for the board to consider eliminating the bill for an individual that prides himself on compliance, improvements, and upgrading quality of life in every aspect while impacting our next generation positively in the classroom. There are not many individuals that is dedicated to helping others without wanting something in return, so I hope there can be a strong consideration and decision in eliminating this bill for Gerrin Narcisse. If you have any questions or would like to speak in detail about this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully

Jordan Johnson